

April 11, 2001

Mr. John J. O'Grady Remedial Project Manager Superfund division USEPA Region V 77 West Jackson Blvd. [SR-6J] Chicago, IL 60604-3590



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Re: Fansteel Inc - North Chicago - EE/CA Administrative Order Docket No. V-W-00-6-413 Monthly Written Report for March 2001

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

In accordance with paragraph V.3.3 of the subject Administrative Order, this is our monthly progress report concerning activities undertaken pursuant to this Order during March 2001.

Significant developments that occurred during the month of March 2001 include the following:

- March 5, 2001 Fansteel Inc. provided to EPA the results of the water levels measured in monitoring wells on the same date
- March 7, 2001 Fansteel Inc. provided written notice to EPA on the designation of Rock & Soil Drilling Corporation as a new subcontractor to Earth Sciences Consulting Inc. (ESCI) to provide drilling services
- March 14, 2001 Fansteel Inc. provided written notice to EPA on the designation of Geotechnics as a new subcontractor to ESCI who will perform geotechnical test on selected soil samples
- March 28, 2001 Earth Sciences Consulting Inc. provided to EPA (and IEPA) the EE/CA Work Plan, Quality Assurance Project Plan, and Health and Safety Plan for review, comment, and approval.

No analytical data was received during the month of March 2001 and no problems of importance were encountered. The field activities to measure water levels in monitoring wells were completed as scheduled on April 9, 2001.



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As indicated in the estimated schedule for the EE/CA tasks that was provided to EPA in the EE/CA Work Plan, additional field work to support the preparation of the draft EE/CA Report could start in late April. However, the start of the additional field work is dependent on timely EPA approval of the EE/CA Work Plan (and other associated plans submitted to EPA on March 28th) Please note that in the event the additional field work for the EE/CA is delayed due to extended EPA review and approval of associated work plans, the submittal of the draft EE/CA report may also be delayed accordingly

Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like to discus this further.

Sincerely,

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